

July 2016

Jean Lafitte National Historical Park & Preserve



PROGRAMS BELOW HAPPEN EVERY WEEK ON THE DAYS SHOWN.

see other side for program descriptions, site locations, and days/times of operation.

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HOLIDAY ALERT: ALL PARK SITES CLOSED MONDAY, JULY 4, FOR FEDERAL HOLIDAY.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
wetlands walk 10:00am BP Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am CB Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB	Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am CB Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB Cajun music jam 5:00-6:15pm WACC (no jam on July 4)	riverfront history stroll 9:30am FQ historic Thibodaux walking tour 10:00am WACC Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am CB Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB ranger talk 2:45pm ACC Cercle Francophone 5:30-7:00pm WACC	riverfront history stroll 9:30am FQ historic Thibodaux walking tour 10:00am WACC wetlands walk 10:00am BP Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am CB Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB ranger talk 2:45pm ACC	riverfront history stroll 9:30am FQ historic Thibodaux walking tour 10:00am WACC wetlands walk 10:00am BP Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am CB Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB ranger talk 2:45pm ACC	riverfront history stroll 9:30am FQ wetlands walk 10:00am BP Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am CB Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB ranger talk 2:45pm ACC	riverfront history stroll 9:30am FQ Explore & Restore crafts for kids 10:00am-noon PACC wetlands walk 10:00am BP Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am CB Cajun Conversations 1:00-2:30pm PACC Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB folklife demonstrations 2:45-6:00pm PACC Rendez-vous des Cajuns 6:00pm PACC

SPECIAL EXHIBITS, EVENTS, & PROGRAMS

Photography Exhibit – BP Wetlands wildlife stars in works by Darrell Pulliam. Through Sunday, July 31. Free.

Southern Mud N' Moss Art Exhibit – WACC Landscape painting from local artist Sharlene Eymard Dufrene. Through Tuesday, August 30. Free.

Essence Festival Events – New Orleans – Friday, July 1, through Sunday, July 3 See other side.

Crescent City Culinaire Series – FQ

- **Folklife Foodways Walk** – French Quarter tour with emphasis on New Orleans and south Louisiana food. 1:00-3:00pm, Friday, July 22. Free but space limited so reservations required; call 504-589-3882 ext. 227.
- **Regency Home Economics/Etiquette Class** – Join actress and historian Barbara Trevigne and park rangers in period dress to discover the social graces of the early 1800s, from polite behavior to proper fashion. Refreshments provided in a luncheon setting. 11:00am-12:30pm, Saturday, July 23. Free but space limited so reservations required; call 504-589-3882 ext. 227.

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Essence Festival Events – New Orleans Jean Lafitte and New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park team up to celebrate Essence Festival, the annual "party with a purpose," with poetry, music, and more: All events listed below are free and open to the public.

Friday, July 1, 6:00-8:30 p.m. at the Ashé Cultural Arts Center's Powerhouse performance and arts facility at 1731 Baronne St. Poetry and Music Program: What Will Freedom Be? 6:00-7:00 p.m. reception for participants, guests, and public. 7:00-8:30 p.m. performances, poetry, and music by local artists and poets, the Nicholas Payton Trio, and NPS Centennial Poet Laureate Dr. Sonia Sanchez.

Saturday, July 2, 7:00 a.m. at Congo Square in Louis Armstrong Park. Maafa Commemoration remembers the transatlantic slave trade and other tragedies ("Maafa" is a Kiswahili word for "great tragedy") with a procession through the Tremé neighborhood and the French Quarter led by Grand Griot Dr. Sonia Sanchez. More at www.ashecac.org/main/

Saturday, July 2, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at Jean Lafitte's French Quarter Visitor Center, 419 Decatur St. NPS Centennial partner Humana brings a giant #FindYourPark hashtag to the visitor center (perfect for pictures!) and presents exhibits, activities, healthy cooking demonstrations, and DJ performances. (The French Quarter Visitor Center will be open for business as usual too!)

Sunday, July 3, 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the Essence Festival Coca-Cola Stage at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, 900 Convention Center Blvd. Dr. Sonia Sanchez and the National Park Service take to the stage on the festival's "Inspiration Sunday." More at www.essence.com/festival

Site Locations and Days/Times of Operation

ALL SITES CLOSED MONDAY, JULY 4, FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY
see below for trail access at Barataria Preserve
and grounds access to Chalmette Battlefield/Chalmette National Cemetery

ACC – Acadian Cultural Center, 501 Fisher Road, **Lafayette**, 337-232-0789 ext. 201. Open Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-4:30pm and Saturday 8:30am-noon. Free admission.

BP – Barataria Preserve, 6588 Barataria Blvd., **Marrero**, 504-689-3690 ext. 10. Visitor center open Wednesday-Sunday 9:30am-4:30pm. Gates to parking lots open for trail access every day 9:00am-5:00pm. Free admission.

CB – Chalmette Battlefield and Chalmette National Cemetery, 8606 West St. Bernard Hwy., **Chalmette**, 504-281-0510. Open daily 9:00am-4:00pm. On Monday, July 4, visitor center closed but battlefield grounds and Chalmette National Cemetery open 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Free admission.

FQ – French Quarter Visitor Center, 419 Decatur Street, **New Orleans**, 504-589-2636 ext. 1. Open Tuesday-Saturday 9:00am-4:30pm. Free admission.

PACC – Prairie Acadian Cultural Center, 250 West Park Avenue, **Eunice**, 337-457-8499. Open Wednesday-Friday 9:30am-4:30pm and Saturday 9:30am-6:00pm. Free admission.

WACC – Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center, 314 Saint Mary St., **Thibodaux**, 985-448-1375. Open Monday-Tuesday 9:00am-7:00pm, Wednesday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm and on Farmers Market Saturdays 8:00-11:00am (call center for dates). Free admission.



Program Descriptions

Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am and 2:45pm - Discover 1815's Battle of New Orleans on the battlefield where it happened. Time is approximate; talk takes place when *Creole Queen* excursion boat arrives. Free. No talk Monday, July 4; visitor center closed for federal holiday. **CB**

Cajun Conversations 1:00-2:30pm – Speak and learn basic conversational Cajun French. Free. **PACC**

Cajun music jam 5:30-6:30pm – Sit in with local musicians or just enjoy! Free. No jam Monday, July 4; center closed for federal holiday. **WACC**

Cercle Francophone 5:30-7:00pm – Come pass a good time speaking French (Cajun or otherwise) and help preserve French in Louisiana. Free. **WACC**

Explore & Restore crafts for kids 10:00am-noon – Kids of all ages are invited to create unique crafts from castoffs, leftovers, and throwaways. A parent or guardian must remain with children six and under. Free. **PACC**.

Folklife demonstrations 2:45-6:00pm – Discover the Cajun way of music, dancing, cooking, and more. Cajun music and dancing begins at 2:45pm; cooking demonstration begins at 4:00pm. Special guest chef on Saturday, July 9: Food Network Chopped Champion Christopher Thames makes sweet potato, tasso, and kale soup. Free. **PACC**

Historic Thibodaux walking tour 10:00am - Take a one-mile ranger-guided walk through local history. Free. **WACC**

Ranger talk 2:45pm – Rangers share local history and culture. Free. **ACC**

Rendez-vous des Cajuns 6:00pm – Live Cajun and zydeco music. At Ruby's Restaurant & Courtyard, 123 Second Street, Eunice, while the usual venue of the historic Liberty Theater next door to the center is under repair. Ticket information and schedule at www.eunice-la.com/ or 337-457-7389. **PACC**

Riverfront history stroll 9:30am - Walk along the Mississippi River levee for a bird's eye view of the French Quarter and an overview of New Orleans history. 25 free tickets given out at 9:00am; first-come, first-served. Free. **FQ**

Wetlands walk 10:00am – Explore wild Louisiana on a ranger-guided walk through swamp and marsh. Free. **BP**